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**THE Tayler Committee has received the correspondence between Roberts and Dininny, then Chairman of the Utah Democratic State Committee, in which the polygamist refused to purge himself of charges of living in polygamy and plural marriage.**

**"Affairs that relate to my private concerns, but which are no part of the issues of this campaign."**—Roberts to Chairman Dininny in relation to charges that he is a polygamist.

**"Christians must learn to tolerate polygamy and believe that it must be not only not bad but positively pure, good and holy."**

—Roberts in the Improvement Era, as testified to by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Illiff.

**Chairman Tayler—"Did he (Roberts) speak of his plural wives?" Witness—"He did." Roberts—"Was I not dealing in generalities?"** Witness—"Oh, no, Mr. Roberts, you cited your own case as an instance."

—From the testimony of Arthur C. McEwen, a Philadelphia reporter, regarding an interview he had had with Roberts.

## He Evaded a Direct Answer to Charges Recited by the Utah State Democratic Chairman.

Asked to Defend Himself During the Campaign Against Same Accusations Now Preferred, He Refused to Do So.

**T**HE Journal has secured copies of the correspondence which passed between Brigham H. Roberts, candidate for Congress, and H. J. Dininny, chairman of the Utah Democratic Committee. They were introduced as evidence against the polygamist before the Tayler Investigating Committee yesterday.

In these letters Mr. Dininny openly made the charges that Roberts was guilty of practicing polygamy, and that he had more than one wife.

Roberts, the letters show, did not answer the charges, but evaded a direct reply by taking the position that his family relations were not an issue in the campaign.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.**—This is the correspondence between Roberts and H. J. Dininny, former chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Utah:

"Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 19, 1898.

Hon. B. H. Roberts, Salt Lake City, Utah: Dear Sir:—Since your nomination by the Democratic party for Representative in Congress the following statements or charges have been repeatedly made in regard to you:

"1. That you have more wives than one, the number being variously stated from one to seven.

"2. That you have married one or more times since the manifesto or revelation of your church suspending the practice of polygamy and plural marriage, having at such time or times a lawful wife living.

"3. That within eighteen months last past one of your wives, other than the first, has given birth to twins.

"4. That within a few months another of your wives, other than the first, has given birth to a child.

"5. That you have ever since the manifesto been living with wives other than your first wife and have sustained the relation of husband to them.

Asked to Deny Charges.

"It may be that you do not know that these things are being said about you. If you do not it is proper that you should, that if any of them are not true you may deny them.

"No one that I know of can prove that any of these statements or charges are true, but they are being used against you as the candidate of my party. You know if they are true or not, and even if they are not proved it will injure you in any way to deny them if they are not true.

"You are the regular nominee of my party to represent the people of this State in the Congress of the United States. I wish to support you in every way I can. I have been a member of the Democratic party years longer than you have and have never refused to support its nominees and have been the first to support you in every way I can. I shall be obliged to refuse to support you if you refuse to support me.

"This letter is dictated from the kindest motives toward you and the Democratic party. It is to the good of our party, and it is to the good of our country. I am sure that you should in some public manner let your friends know the truth about these charges, and that since the kindest motives made by you have been so meanly treated.

"Yours for the good of the party," "H. J. DININNY."

Roberts's Reply is Evasive.

"Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 21, 1898.

J. Dininny, Esq., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 19th inst. is received. You say that since my nomination as the candidate for Representative for Congress you have heard certain rumors of a certain nature, and that you are now about to propose the question in your paper.

"I also state that your letter is dictated from the kindest motives toward me. Permit me to say that I am not informed of the charges you mention. I am at the time it occurred, and I am not opposed to me and sought to express my defeat, and that since the kindest motives made by you have been so meanly treated.

"If what you have heard has been since my nomination, I am sure that I am not informed of the charges you mention. I am at the time it occurred, and I am not opposed to me and sought to express my defeat, and that since the kindest motives made by you have been so meanly treated.

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THE OLD AUNTIE OF THE SENATE.

## ELEVEN DEMOCRATS TO VOTE FOR THE GOLD BILL.

Eight of These Are from New York, and One Each from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Eleven Democratic members of the House, eight of them belonging to the New York delegation, will vote for the Republican Currency Bill according to a poll made by friends of the bill.

The eight New York Democrats who will vote with the Republicans are: Edmund H. Driggs, F. E. Wilson, Townsend Sander, J. J. Fitzgerald, B. F. Clayton, Jefferson M. Levy, Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and J. Q. Underhill.

The other three Democrats who will vote with them are: William McAlister, of Pennsylvania; J. B. Thayer, of Massachusetts; and J. W. Deany, of Maryland.

Representatives Mitchell May, of Brooklyn and M. H. Glynn, of Albany, have not as yet positively committed themselves. They are considered "on the fence" by the leaders of the New York delegation, but show an inclination now to stick by their party.

There are rumors of a possible split in the Pennsylvania delegation other than that of Mr. McAlister, but no other Keystone Democrats have as yet let it be known that they will vote against the majority of their party on the Currency bill.

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## BODY STEALING CHARGE AT YALE.

Police Find a Professor Standing Over a Girl's Corpse That Was Taken from a New-Made Grave. He Says He Had Parent's Permission.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—Charges of the most serious nature were tonight brought against a professor in the Yale Medical School. He was accused of taking from the grave the body of a girl that had been buried only a few hours.

The professor was found by a friend of the girl standing over the body in an undertaker's room, and his statement that he had received permission from the girl's mother to remove the body from the grave was flatly denied by that person.

That a warrant will be issued for the arrest of the professor seemed probable at 1 o'clock this morning.

The entire medical school faculty are, however, trying to keep the affair quiet, asserting that the affair is all a misunderstanding, but the circumstances are of so serious and so startling a character that the police feel that, if the charges are proved, that they cannot fail to take cognizance of them.

**Went to Clinic for Treatment.**

The case began with the appearance of Bessie Van Lue in one of the clinics of the Medical School on Labor Day. She said that she was ill and that her stomach pained her badly. Bessie was a bright, cheerful girl, thirteen years old, daughter of a mechanic with a large family. Professor Osborne was in charge of the clinic and he prescribed for her.

Members of the classes also advised remedies. Their treatment, however, seemed to disagree with the case for she began to grow worse slowly.

The character of the treatment was changed, yet Bessie grew no better. She failed gradually and died last Sunday.

Professor Osborne asked the girl's parents that an autopsy be allowed, the say, but they refused. Plans for the funeral were made. She was buried this afternoon in the Westville cemetery.

Mrs. Van Lue says that her suspicious were excited at the cemetery, for she saw the coffin lowered while the straps were allowed to remain around the box.

After the Van Lue family returned to their home in Factory street, the deceased this circumstance and agreed that it would be a good idea to go to the cemetery.

**Found the Coffin Uncovered.**

They returned there this evening. To their surprise they found that the coffin box was still uncovered, that the straps had not been removed from around it, and that the grave was still open, as when the coffin was lowered.

They turned to search for the sexton and saw an undertaker's wagon just entering the cemetery.

They secreted themselves behind grave-stones, they declare, and saw the wagon stop at the grave of the member of their family who had just been buried. They saw the body quickly removed by the straps and taken into the wagon, which drove off.

They followed it, a brother of the dead girl keeping close behind the wagon. The wagon stopped at the undertaker's establishment of R. E. Burwell's in Chapel street. The box was removed to the marble slab, and the members of the Van Lue family ran for the police to the cemetery.

**Found Professor Beside Body.**

The obtained the assistance of Superintendent Wrenn and Coroner Mix, who arrived and found Professor Osborne standing beside the girl's body. They ordered him to stop, and he asserted that the girl's mother gave him permission to perform an autopsy.

Mrs. Van Lue was indignant at this and declared that Professor Osborne requested permission to do so last Monday, but was refused. Orders were given to Professor Osborne not to touch the body, and he went to his home.

Four arrests had been made were current at 1 o'clock this morning. The police declined to comment on the report.

## BRIDEGROOM, EIGHTY-FOUR, HIS BRIDE, FORTY-EIGHT.

He is Editor John W. Oliver, of Yonkers, and the Wedding Will Take Place To-day.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13.—Joseph A. Keller, a Mount Oliver baker, was indicted by the Allegheny County Grand Jury to-day for malicious trespass.

The Monongahela Gas Coal Company, owned by the trust known as the Pittsburgh Coal Company, fenced in the village of Red Town near here. Keller, who charges that was done to prevent him and others from selling goods to the two hundred miners employed by the company, in opposition to the general store within the enclosure, was indicted for malicious trespass.

The company sued him. He sued the officers for \$5,000 damages and for conspiracy. On the latter charge the officers of the company were held for trial.

**FORMER SPANISH MINISTER IN A DUEL; NO ONE HIT.**

Madrid, Dec. 13.—Signor Annon, who was Spanish Minister of Marine during the recent war with the United States, fought a duel to-day with Colonel Castellan, of the Marine Corps. Three shots were fired at a distance of twenty paces, but neither man was hit.

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